

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

- Sub P*
- A1*
1. ~~(Amended)~~ A polyurethane elastomer prepared from a composition comprising:
- a) at least one higher molecular weight polyhydroxyl compound having an average molecular weight of from 500 to 6,000 and a functionality of at least 2;
  - b) 2,3,5,6-tetramethyl-1,4-diisocyanatobenzene; and
  - c) water or at least one low molecular weight chain-lengthening and/or crosslinking agent having at least two hydroxyl groups and an average molecular weight of from 60 to 800.